

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER NO. 05/06-01

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2005/06 PLANNING ALLOCATION FOR THE
SUPPORTIVE AND THERAPEUTIC OPTIONS PROGRAM (STOP)

Contingent upon approval of the State Budget, the amount identified on the enclosed attachment is your planning allocation for STOP. It is anticipated that a total of \$9,954,000 in State General Fund (SGF) will be made available for this program.

The purpose of STOP is to enable counties to expand treatment and support options for families with children returning from out-of-home placement or at risk of such placements. This program helps to minimize the trauma of change and loss of services by developing aftercare strategies to continue supportive and therapeutic relationships with these children.

Counties may use STOP funds to contract with other county agencies such as Mental Health or Probation in order to provide treatment such as group therapy and drug and alcohol programs. Counties may also use these funds for a wide variety of interventions such as recreation activities, including after school programs, respite care, independent living services, music therapy, and crisis interventions. Funding for this program will be shared at 70 percent SGF and 30 percent matching county share.

In prior years, the STOP allocation distribution used the most recent population data as provided by the US Census Bureau. However, a change in the estimation procedures used by the Census Bureau resulted in a reduced comparability of data between years. Therefore, in consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association, counties currently participating in STOP will receive a base allocation equal to their FY 2004/05 allocation amount. Funds previously distributed to those counties that currently do not have a plan for participating in STOP were redistributed on a percent to total basis, to counties with an operating program in place.

Note that funds were adjusted to ensure a \$5,225 SGF minimum allocation per participating county. This amount is based on the projected FY 2005/06 annual cost per child for mental health services.

STOP related costs reported on the County Expense Claim will be charged to Program Code 588 – Supportive and Therapeutic Options Program Services. Expenditures exceeding the total SGF allocation will be transferred to county share using State Use Only Code 549.

Questions concerning this allocation should be directed to fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By

KATHY FARMER, Chief
Financial Management and Contracts Branch

Attachment

c: CWDA

FY 2005/06 STOP ALLOCATION

COUNTY	SGF ALLOCATION
Alameda	\$338,736
Alpine	\$0
Amador	\$7,065
Butte	\$60,842
Calaveras	\$0
Colusa	\$0
Contra Costa	\$218,550
Del Norte	\$8,899
El Dorado	\$34,946
Fresno	\$346,611
Glenn	\$10,280
Humboldt	\$34,986
Imperial	\$0
Inyo	\$0
Kern	\$265,704
Kings	\$47,201
Lake	\$0
Lassen	\$8,098
Los Angeles	\$3,193,201
Madera	\$47,826
Marin	\$39,370
Mariposa	\$0
Mendocino	\$26,355
Merced	\$96,705
Modoc	\$5,297
Mono	\$0
Monterey	\$122,848
Napa	\$26,893
Nevada	\$19,295
Orange	\$723,488
Placer	\$53,403
Plumas	\$5,297
Riverside	\$496,152
Sacramento	\$384,724
San Benito	\$0
San Bernardino	\$624,164
San Diego	\$749,400
San Francisco	\$114,704
San Joaquin	\$205,322
San Luis Obispo	\$51,680
San Mateo	\$125,851
Santa Barbara	\$106,118
Santa Clara	\$359,785
Santa Cruz	\$60,378
Shasta	\$49,892
Sierra	\$0
Siskiyou	\$13,495
Solano	\$104,772
Sonoma	\$95,354
Stanislaus	\$160,006
Sutter	\$25,860
Tehama	\$19,179
Trinity	\$5,297
Tulare	\$176,070
Tuolumne	\$12,427
Ventura	\$202,051
Yolo	\$44,621
Yuba	\$24,804
Total	\$9,954,000